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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please withdraw claims 22-24 as being drawn to a non-elected invention.

Please cancel claims 2, 4, 8-9, 12 and 19-20 without prejudice or disclaimer to further prosecution of this application on the merits.

Please add new claims 25-33.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 7, 10, 14 and 17 as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) A method of removing foreign material from a cavity ~~preparing a part for cleaning~~, comprising the steps of:
providing a part with an internal cavity, at least one opening in communication with said cavity, and foreign material within said cavity; and
locating said foreign material within said cavity;
creating an additional opening in said part at a location adjacent said located foreign material;
removing said foreign material from said cavity; and
closing said additional opening.
2. (Cancelled)
3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 ~~claim 2~~, wherein said locating step comprises visual recognition.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said cavity has a passageway from an inlet to an outlet, and said location of said additional opening is downstream of said foreign material.

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6. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein said part is a blade or vane.
7. (Currently Amended) A method of removing foreign material from a cavity ~~cleaning a part~~, comprising the steps of:
 providing a part with an internal cavity, at least one opening in communication with said cavity, and foreign material within said cavity;
 locating said foreign material within said cavity;
 creating an additional opening in said part at a location proximate said located foreign material; ~~and~~
 flushing said cavity with a fluid; and
 closing said additional opening.
wherein said additional opening acts as an exit ~~or entrance~~ for said fluid and said foreign material.
8. (Cancelled)
9. (Cancelled)
10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 7 ~~claim-8~~, wherein said cavity has a passageway from an inlet to an outlet; and said additional opening is located downstream of said foreign material.
11. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said flushing step comprises high pressure cleaning.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Original) The method of claim 7, wherein said part is a blade or vane.
14. (Currently Amended) A method of removing foreign material from a cavity ~~repairing a part~~, comprising the steps of:

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providing a part with an internal cavity, at least one opening in communication with said cavity, and foreign material within said cavity;

locating said foreign material within said cavity via at least one of:

x-ray;

neutron radiography;

ultrasound; and

thermal imaging;

creating an additional opening in said part; and

removing said foreign material through said additional opening; and

~~wherein said removing step occurs through said additional opening~~

closing said additional opening.

15. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said removing step comprises flushing said cavity with a fluid.

16. (Original) The method of claim 15, wherein said flushing step comprises high pressure cleaning.

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 14, wherein said creating step positions said additional opening adjacent said located foreign material.

18. (Original) The method of claim 17, wherein said creating step positions said additional opening downstream of said foreign material.

19. (Cancelled)

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Original) The method of claim 14, wherein said part is a blade or vane.

22. (Withdrawn) A part, comprising:

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an exterior surface;
an internal cavity;
at least one opening through said surface and in communication with said cavity;
and
a repaired section of said surface;
wherein said repaired section was an additional opening that provided a temporary exit or entrance to said cavity for removing foreign material from said cavity.

23. (Withdrawn) The part of claim 22, wherein said part is a gas turbine engine part.
24. (Withdrawn) The part of claim 22, wherein said part is a blade or vane.
25. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said locating step comprises utilizing at least one of: x-ray; neutron radiography; ultrasound; and thermal imaging.
26. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said creating step comprises utilizing at least one of: a router, a milling machine, an electrical discharge machine, and a laser drilling machine.
27. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said removing step comprises at least one of: flushing said cavity with a fluid; and utilizing an implement to physically dislodge the foreign material.
28. (New) The method of claim 1, wherein said closing step comprises at least one of: weld build-up, weld plug, transient liquid phase bonding, and brazing a filler material therein.
29. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said locating step comprises utilizing at least one of: x-ray; neutron radiography; ultrasound; and thermal imaging.

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30. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said creating step comprises utilizing at least one of: a router, a milling machine, an electrical discharge machine, and a laser drilling machine.

31. (New) The method of claim 7, wherein said closing step comprises at least one of: weld build-up, weld plug, transient liquid phase bonding, and brazing a filler material therein.

32. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said creating step comprises utilizing at least one of: a router, a milling machine, an electrical discharge machine, and a laser drilling machine.

33. (New) The method of claim 14, wherein said closing step comprises at least one of: weld build-up, weld plug, transient liquid phase bonding, and brazing a filler material therein.